

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The farmers are being advised to use quality seeds and need based pesticides through extension programmes, mass campaign like Seminars, field days etc. The Spices Board is planning to open an office in Guntur for assisting the growers especially in the areas of quality management and post harvest handling of storage of chillies for exports. The Governments are also providing assistance for increasing production and productivity of chillies and training being organised by State Agriculture Universities and Spices Board.

Foodgrains Requirement of North-Eastern States

3641. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the requirement and supply of rice and wheat/Atta under the different projects like Public Distribution System, food for work etc. in the North-Eastern States during 1996-97;

(b) whether the States of this region have been demanding for a long time from the Central Government for building up buffer stock of foodgrains with the view to facing the natural calamities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The monthly demand for rice and wheat under PDS in the North Eastern States is around 1.33 lakh tonnes of rice and 0.89 lakh tonnes of wheat. The monthly allocation of rice and wheat in January, 1997 was 1.22 lakh tonnes and 0.37 lakh tonnes respectively. Allocations of foodgrains to States/UTs are based on their relative needs, availability of stocks in the Central Pool, offtake trend etc. and are supplemental in nature and not meant to meet full requirement of the States/UTs. Similarly, allocation of foodgrains for various welfare schemes are made and placed at the disposal of nodal Ministries/Deptts. as a whole for utilisation in various States/UTs. A statement showing allotment and lifting of wheat and rice for PDS and various other schemes in the States in North Eastern Region during the year 1996-97 (upto January, 97) is enclosed as statement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The states have been demanding maintenance of adequate buffer stocks in FCI godowns in the Region so as to meet the requirement of foodgrains throughout the year.

(d) As on 31st January, 1997, FCI had a stock of 1.90 lakh tonnes of foodgrains comprising 0.15 lakh tonnes of wheat and 1.75 lakh tonnes of rice as against the allocation of 1.63 lakh tonnes of foodgrains comprising 0.40 lakh tonnes of wheat and 1.23 lakh tonnes of rice made to North Eastern States for February, 1997.

Despite various constraints viz. transshipment of wagons from Broad Gauge to Metre gauge at Lumding, heavy rains over a long period of six months in a year; frequent bandhs, difficult and hilly terrain in most of the States; lack of adequate infrastructure and limited availability of trucks, FCI has been able to move adequate quantity of stocks for meeting the requirement of PDS as well as other Central sponsored welfare schemes, in States in North Eastern Region. The details of stocks of foodgrains moved during the past 3 years are given below :—

(In '000 Tonnes)

Year	Total Stocks Moved Ex. North		
	By Rail	By Road	Total
1993-94	1376.1	92.7	1468.8
1994-95	1028.1	175.4	1203.5
1995-96	1747.0	104.6	1851.6
1996-97 (upto Feb., 97)	1834.0	27.5	1861.5

The details of road movement effected within the North Eastern Zone (entra Zone/Region) during the past 3 years are as under :—

('000 Tonnes)

1993-94	452.0
1994-95	186.9
1995-96	361.3
1996-97 (upto Dec., 96)	356.7

Statement*Details of Allotment/Lifting Under Various Schemes during 1996-97 (upto January, 97)*

Operational Data 'Provisional' (Figs. in '000' MT)

State	PDS-RPDS		M.D.M		J.R.Y.		N.P.		SC/ST		BPL		MFIL		F.U.		Total	
	Allot- ment	Lift- ing	Allot- ment	Lift- ing	Allot- ment	Lift- ing	Allot- ment	Lift- ing	Allot- ment	Lift- ing	Allot- ment	Lift- ing	Allot- ment	Lift- ing	Allot- ment	Lift- ing	Allot- ment	Lift- ing
WHEAT																		
Assam	295.5	270.4	—	—	3.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.3	0.7	0.2	299.2	270.9
Arunachal Pr.	6.0	4.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.0	4.9
Manipur	27.0	26.6	—	—	0.3	—	4.9	5.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.2	32.3
Meghalaya	24.5	24.1	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.7	24.1
Nagaland	7.2	7.6	—	—	0.6	0.6	6.0	4.1	—	—	—	8.1	—	—	—	—	18.3	20.4
Mizoram	19.7	18.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.7	18.7
Tripura	18.0	13.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.0	13.3
RICE																		
Assam	513.7	427.2	62.3	12.3	5.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.8*	—	—	—	—	572.2	443.7
Arunachal Pr.	88.0	81.7	2.9	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.2*	—	—	—	—	91.9	82.9
Manipur	100.0	46.7	4.1	0.6	0.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	104.6	47.3
Meghalaya	156.0	149.5	6.6	4.0	0.8	—	—	—	—	2.4	—	0.2	—	—	—	—	163.4	156.1
Nagaland	67.0	75.9	3.0	2.7	1.0	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	12.4	—	—	—	—	71.0	92.0
Mizoram	76.0	72.1	2.9	1.3	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	79.3	73.9
Tripura	162.0	122.0	11.4	8.6	1.6	1.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	175.0	131.9

M.D.M Mid-day Meal

J.R.Y. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

N.P. Nutrition Programme

SC/ST Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe

Other Backward Class Hostels

BPL Below Poverty Line

MFIL Modern Food Industries Ltd.

F.U. Franchised Units

PDS Public Distribution System

RPDS Revamped Public Distribution System